

# ***Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures***

## ***:: News Bulletin ::***

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### **LOCAL RETAILERS REMINDED OF CONSUMER NOTICE POSTING REQUIREMENTS AT CHECK STANDS**

### **ALSO, LISTING OF LATEST SCANNER OVERCHARGE CASES**

Cato R. Fiksdal, Los Angeles Sealer of Weights and Measures, is reminding consumers to look for the "Notice to Consumer" stickers that retailers must post at every electronic point of sale stations in their stores. "If consumers get overcharged at the checkstand as their items get scanned, these 3" X 5" stickers provide them a reminder that they are entitled to the store's lowest posted or advertised price," said Mr. Fiksdal. They also provide the 1.800.656.2900 and website address by which to contact the Weights and Measures Bureau.

Weights and Measures inspectors conduct undercover purchases at retail stores throughout Los Angeles County. As part of their inspections to ensure accurate pricing, they are looking for the "Notice to Consumer" stickers, to see that they are present and properly placed. The stickers appear as blue text on a bright yellow background. County Code Section 2.41.200 requires they be "clearly visible" from a reasonable customer position. They must be vertically positioned, so as to stand out. Failure to properly post the notice is an infraction.

Over 60,000 of these notices have been mailed or delivered since the *Buyer Beware Program* began. "We've been pleased by the success of these consumer rights notices," said Mr. Fiksdal. "In fact, several counties which have recently passed 'scanner' ordinances have adapted the notices for stores in their counties," he continued.

Stores needing notices may contact the department at (562) 940-8924. Or they may e-mail their request to [http://acwm.co.la.ca.us scanners@acwm.co.la.ca.us](mailto:scanners@acwm.co.la.ca.us). An example of the "Notices to Consumers" may be viewed at <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>.

Listed below are recently completed scanner overcharge cases:

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1. **A Different Light, Inc. (Illuminations #105), 2116 Glendale Galleria, Glendale**  
Dates of offense: 09/04/02  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$4.70).  
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count  
Fines and fees: \$1,247.12  
Case #3GL02662
2. **Albertson's #6511, 3841 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 11/04/02  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.35).  
Convictions: One count pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,740.60  
Case #2PA03453
3. **Babies "R" Us #5676, 23741 Calabasas Road, Calabasas**  
Date of offense: 07/29/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV052
4. **Best Buy #179, 10799 Washington Blvd., Culver City**  
Date of offense: 05/19/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV052
5. **Big Lots #4066, 635 N. Azusa Avenue, West Covina**  
Date of offense: 02/12/03  
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (3.00)  
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count  
Fines and fees: \$1,440.51  
Case #3JM06228
6. **Bodies In Motion, 900 Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 01/12/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV018
7. **Bristol Farms #2, 606 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, South Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 02/12/03  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$5.67) Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Case #3PA38421
8. **Food 4 Less #379, 1900 Rosecrans Avenue, Compton**  
Date of offense: 11/26/02  
Charges: Four counts of scanner overcharge (\$3.52)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,077.21  
Case #3CM05635

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9. **GNC #3426, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue #131, Arcadia**  
Date of offense: 01/07/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #02/03-SP101
10. **Home Depot #1037, 6400 Alondra Blvd., Paramount**  
Date of offense: 04/10/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV011
11. **J C Penney #246, 20700 Avalon Blvd., Carson**  
Date of offense: 12/12/02  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$12.80)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,300.00  
Case #3CM05188
12. **Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shop #1745, 8401 Van Nuys Blvd.. Panorama City**  
Dates of offense: 08/22/02 & 10/17/02  
Charges: Four counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.50)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$2,293.33  
Case #3PN01643
13. **Kragen Auto Parts #344, 3219-B Tweedy Avenue, South Gate**  
Date of offense: 08/13/02  
Charges: Five counts of scanner overcharge (\$12.00)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$170.00  
Case #2DW00681
14. **Kragen Auto Parts #1577, 12233 S. Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk**  
Date of offense: 08/27/02  
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$5.00)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$135.00  
Case #2DW06275
15. **K Mart Corp., Store #4452, 3150 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 08/18/01  
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$1.00)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$476.15  
Case #3PA01725

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16. **Macy's #1, 400 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 12/26/01  
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$7.00)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,458.00  
Case #PA03479
17. **Metropolitan Museum of Arts, 39 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 05/02/02  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$7.90)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,660.51  
Case #3PA34699
18. **Mirage Market Place, 245 S. Glendale Avenue, Glendale**  
Date of offense: 09/18/02  
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$2.40)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$885.51  
Case # 3GL2825
19. **Nordstrom #345, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia**  
Date of offense: 02/04/03  
Charges: Three counts of scanner overcharge (\$60.10)  
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1,095.00  
Case #3SA01683
20. **Office Depot #875, 5570 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036**  
Date of Offense: 04/15/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV1017
21. **Payless Shoe Source #1447, 16289 Paramount Blvd., Paramount**  
Date of offense: 04/17/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV014
22. **R & G's Food Basket, 14407 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk**  
Date of offense: 09/05/02  
Charges: Three counts of scanner overcharge (\$2.80)  
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count  
Fines and fees: \$1,156.51  
Case #3DW01458

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23. **Ralphs Grocery Co, (Food 4 Less), 4400 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood**

Date of offense: 03/09/02

Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$0.58)

Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count

Fines and fees: \$135.00

Case #2SE05683

24. **RelaxThe Back, 240 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena**

Date of offense: 12/19/02

Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$24.75)

Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$967.12

Case #3PA02263

25. **Robinsons-May #11, 10730 W. Pico, West Los Angeles**

Date of offense: 12/04/02

Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$10.50)

Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count

Fines and fees: \$1,178.82

Case #3PN03229

26. **Sav-On Drugs #9708, 150 W. Willow Street, Pomona**

Date of offense: 12/19/02

Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$1.25)

Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count

Fines and fees: \$1,382.62

Case #3PM02691

27. **Sears, Roebuck & Co. (Sears #1048), 3801 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena**

Date of offense: 06/18/02

Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$12.00)

Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count

Fines and fees: \$1,857.21

Case #2PA03477

28. **Serv-Rite, Inc., 9420 Slauson Avenue, Pico Rivera**

Date of offense: 08/12/02

Convictions: Two counts of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less

Fines: \$200.00

File #02/03-SP028

29. **Staples #616, 3660 Colorado Blvd., Pasadena**

Date of offense: 08/13/02

Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$14.49)

Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count

Fines and fees: \$1,534.51

Case #2PS01723

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30. **Staples # 1314, 19242 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita**  
Date of offense: 06/12/01  
Charges: Three counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.44)  
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count  
Fines and fees: \$540.00  
Case # 1NE02935
31. **Tully's Coffee, 533 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 6/13/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #03/04-PV029
32. **Vallarta Supermarket, 21208 Sherman Way, Canoga Park**  
Date of offense: 06/18/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #303/04-PV045
33. **W. H. Smith #74, 930 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 4/17/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.  
File #03/04-PV012
34. **World Foot Locker, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia**  
Date of offense: 1/16/03  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP103